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## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Final Office Action of November 7, 2007 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto.

Claims 1-4 and 7-15 have been amended in this Amendment. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found at, for example, page 4, lines 13-13 of the specification. No new matter has been added by the amendments to the claims, and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 5, 6, and 14 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter presented therein. Claim 16 has previously been cancelled. Thus, claims 1, 2, 4, 7-13 and 15 are pending following entry of this amendment.

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

### Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action, claims 1-15[1] were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lea et al., (Networking Home Entertainment Devices with HAVi, dated 9/00, p. 35, Supporting Technologies), hereinafter Lea. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant has cancelled claims 5 and 6 herein, thus mooting the rejection as to those claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that Lea does not describe all of the features recited in claims 1, 2, 4, 7-13, and 15 herein.

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1 Although the Office Action indicates that "claims 1-16" were rejected, Applicant notes that claim 16 has previously been cancelled, and that only claims 1-15 were examined for the present Office Action. See Office Action Summary.

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As noted in Applicant's response to the previous Office Action, Lea describes aspects of a home audio/video interoperability (HAVi) architecture which provides a set of application programming interfaces (APIs) and services, and further provides an on-the-wire protocol specified by an industry initiative. HAVi facilitates cross-vendor interoperability between consumer electronics devices and computing devices and simplifies the development of distributed applications on home networks. Lea, p. 35.

As part of this architecture, Lea describes a home network shell that can identify, select, and control most or all of the network's devices. Lea, p. 41. When a user powers up a controller, the shell graphically represents the current home network configuration based on the information in its registry. Lea describes that when a user selects a particular device control module (DCM), the shell can instantiate a data-driven-interaction (DDI) controller to interact with the DCM as a DDI target. The user then manipulates the target device to examine and control its operation. Lea further describes that "on the basis of the network device's streaming capabilities, the local stream manager can set up and tear down isochronous connections between different devices." Lea, p. 41, right column to p. 42, left column.

Applicant respectfully submits that Lea, however, does not describe a device or method as claimed herein.

Independent claim 1 recites a sink device "wherein, upon receipt of the selection of the function of the source device through the user interface, the controller means checks for a previously established connection between the source device and a previously selected destination device and *automatically establishes* the connection between the source device and the sink device *as a default destination device* for data from the source device *in an absence of the previously established connection.*"

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Independent claim 10 similarly recites "checking for a presence of a previously established connection between the source device and a previously selected destination device for data from the source device; and *automatically establishing* the data stream connection for data transmission from the source device to the sink device *as a default destination device* for the data from the source device *in an absence of the previously established connection.*"

Applicant respectfully submits that Lea does not describe or suggest a establishing a connection with a destination device as a default destination for data from the source device as recited herein. For example, Lea does not describe "checking for a presence of a previously established connection" as recited in claims 1 and 10 herein. In addition, the feature described in Lea wherein the local stream manager "can set up and tear down isochronous connections between different devices" is very different from the recited feature of automatically establishing a connection between the source device and the sink device "as a default destination device for data from the source device in an absence of the previously established connection" since the isochronous connection described in Lea can occur even if there is a previously established connection to a previously selected destination device for data from the source device.

Withdrawal of the rejection of independent claims 1 and 10 over Lea and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 4 and 7-9 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1, and claims 11-13 and 15 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 10. Applicant respectfully submits that these dependent claims also are allowable over Lea because of their respective dependence on allowable base claims 1 and 10 and also because of the additional inventive aspects recited therein. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2, 4, 7-9, 11-13, and 15 and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

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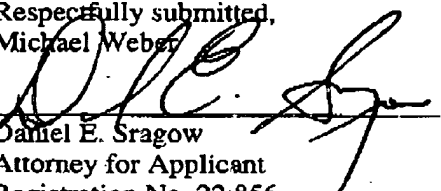
## CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, Applicant respectfully submits that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance with claims 1, 2, 4, 7-13, and 15, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 609-734-6440.

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